

ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

—OF THE—

THIRTY-FOURTH
FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

SHELBY MISSIONARY
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

—HELD WITH—

MONTEVALLO BAPTIST CHURCH, SHELBY CO., ALA.

OCT. 14, 15 AND 16, 1885.

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OFFICERS:

GEO. T. LEE.....MODERATOR,.....Helena, Ala
C. W. O'HARA.....CLERK,.....Wilsonville, Ala
H. C. REYNOLDS.....TREASURER,.....Montevallo, Ala

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The next Session of the Association, will be held with Columbian church,
commencing on Wednesday, after the first Sabbath in
September, 1886.

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PROGRAMME OF BUSINESS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1. Devotional Exercises.
2. Read Letters from Churches.
3. Elect Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
4. Invite visiting Ministers to seats.
5. Invite Churches to unite with the Association.
6. Appoint Committee on Devotion.
7. Appoint Committee on Finance.
8. Appoint Committee on Documents.
9. Inquire whether the Standing Committees appointed at last Session are present or not; if not fill vacancies.
10. Call for Correspondence.
11. Return Correspondence—to the Canaan, Cahaba Valley, Coosa River and Mulberry Associations.
12. Miscellaneous Business.
13. Adjourn.

SECOND DAY.

14. Devotional Exercises.
15. Read the Minutes of the first day and call the roll of Messengers.
16. Report on Education.
17. Report on Ministerial Education.
18. Report on Missions.
19. Report on Aged and Infirm Ministers.
20. Report on Temperance.
21. Report on Sabbath Schools.
22. Report on Documents.
23. Report on Finance.
24. Report of Treasurer.
25. Appoint time and place for next session.
26. Appoint preachers and alternates to preach the next Introductory and Missionary Sermons.
27. Appoint delegates to the State Convention.
28. Appoint standing committees to report at next session:
 - On Family Religion.
 - On Education
 - On Ministerial Education.
 - On Missions.
 - On Aged and Infirm Ministers.
 - On Temperance.
29. Order Clerk's salary paid and 500 Minutes printed.
30. Miscellaneous Business.
31. Adjourn *sine die*.

❖ MINUTES ❖

OCTOBER, 14th. 1885.

Shelby Association convened, with Montevallo Church. The former Moderator, W. C. Cleveland, in the Chair. The preaching of the Introductory Sermon was deferred until night. Moderator read the 27th Psalms. Prayer was offered. Brethren, W. P. McKellar and Howard Griggs, were appointed to read.

Letters from the Churches were read, and the names of the messengers enrolled, as follows :

FIRST DISTRICT.

Cahaba Valley—Thos. M. Fancher, Wm. Stacks, and Jasper Kerbo.

Calera—Thos. J. Wells and W. C. Burke.

Center Hill—W. J. M. Carter and J. D. Jordan.

Dogwood Grove—Robert E. Woolley, Joseph Johnson, Wm. Acker and F. Lucas.

Enon—N. T. Lucas, P. L. Lucas.

Macedonia—I. N. Walker.

Mar's Hill—Wm. E. Sorrell.

Montevallo—L. U. Wilkes, T. B. Dison, Howard Griggs, and W. W. Shortridge.

Helena—W. P. McKellar and Geo. T. Lee.

New Antioch—James Booth.

Six Mile—M. J. Pratt, W. F. Thompson and J. C. Jones.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Bethlehem—Letter.

Bethesda—L. C. W. O'Hara and J. R. O'Hara.

Columbiana—J. L. Peters.

Hopewell—C. P. Keith.

Mt. Calvary—Nathaniel Thomas and John Moore.

Liberty—J. M. Wilder.

Rockey Ridge—J. R. Davis.

Sumner Hill—L. W. H. Connell, L. M. E. B. Jones, W. F. Bridges and James Gould.

Elected Officers—L. Geo. T. Lee, Moderator; L. C. W. O'Hara, Clerk, and H. C. Reynolds, Treasurer.

NOTE:—*Ordained Ministers marked 1; Licentiates, 2.*

A programme of business was read and adopted.

Invited visiting ministers to seats. Bro. W. C. Cleveland, from the Etawka Association, accepted the invitation and was recognized as the President of the Board of Ministerial Education. Bro. Samuel Henderson, from the Tuscaloosa Association, also accepted the invitation, and was recognized as, Associate Editor of the Alabama Baptist. Invited churches to unite with the Association. Bro. J. W. Dodson, presented a petitionary letter, from Mt. Carmel Church, the Church being found Orthodox, was received, the Moderator extending the hand of fellowship to the messenger.

On motion, adjourned until 2:30 P. M. Benediction by W. C. Cleveland

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association met pursuant to adjournment Prayer by T. B. Dison.

Appointed Committees :

On Devotion—Deacons of Montevallo Church, with J. L. Peters and W. W. Shortridge.

On Finance—W. W. Shortridge, M. E. B. Jones, and Thomas M. Fancher.
On Documents—T. B. Dison, N. Thomas and J. W. Dodson.

Brethren, C. W. O'Hara and Geo. I. Lee, who were appointed, at the last session to preach the Introductory and Missionary Sermons, were at their requests relieved of the appointments, and the order and appointees, to conduct devotional exercises; referred to the Committee on Devotion.

Filled vacancies on Standing Committees:

On Education—Howard Griggs, I. U. Wilkes and W. H. Connell.

On Aged and Infirm Ministers—J. L. Peters and Isaac N. Walker.

Called for Correspondence:

Responses—Isaac Lawhorn, with minutes from the Mulbury Association, and S. J. Thompson, from the Coosa River Association; these brethren were cordially received and welcomed among us.

Returned Correspondence:

To the Canaan—George T. Lee, I. U. Wilkes and W. P. McKellar.

To the Cahaba Valley—C. W. O'Hara, W. C. Wilder.

To the Coosa River.—W. H. Connell, C. W. O'hara, M. E. B. Jones and T. J. Wells.

To the Muibury—Thos. M. Fancher, M. J. Pratt, and W. J. M. Carter. Bro. I. U. Wilkes, offered the following preamble and resolution.

WHEREAS, In olden times "They that feared the Lord, spake often one to another, and the Lord hearkened and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written for them that thought upon his name."

AND WHEREAS, it is profitable for Brethren to be associated together, more often for better acquaintance with each other, for edification and mutual instruction, and for other good purposes.

Therefore be it Resolved, That a Committee of five, in close proximity with each other (for convenience sake) be appointed by the Moderator, whose duty it shall be to make the necessary arrangements for the holding

of religious meetings in different parts of the Association, to embrace the fifth Sabbath's of the year.

Said Committee may divide the Association into two Districts. Appoint meetings in the two districts alternately, and provide for the holding of such meetings by arranging time and place, and giving notice of the programme through the papers.

After discussion by S. Henderson, C. W. O'Hara, and George T. Lee, the resolution was adopted, and the following Committee appointed, to carry into effect, viz: J. M. McCord, I. U. Wilkes, Thomas M. Fancher, T. B. Dison, and Isaac N. Walker.

On motion, the order of business was waved, and the report on Temperance called for.

The Report was discussed, at some length by W. C. Cleveland, W. P. McKellar, S. Henderson, and George T. Lee and adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance take pleasure in congratulating the friends of prohibition upon the signal success which has attended and crowned their efforts to suppress the monstrous evil of intemperance. The evils of this vilest of traffics are too numerous to be detailed in this report. Their name is legion. They are wide-spread over the land.

This grand work of temperance reform has obtained a hold upon the minds of the people of all classes which it has never had before. In some States, and in many counties and districts of the country—from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the Northern to the Southern ocean—prohibition reigns supreme! Wonderful results in this great work have been accomplished in the last decade. But much as has been done, there is much yet to do. And "let us not be weary in well doing," for in due season we shall reap.

Let the success of the past stimulate to greater effort in the future. And with the success that has attended this grand work during the last decade it is not deemed extravagant to suggest the prediction that the next decade may announce the joyf'l tidings of universal prohibition! What an era of peace, prosperity and happiness would thus be inaugurated. The curses of intemperance would be exchanged for the blessings of prohibition. We should have sober men to make and execute our laws.

Justice demands that this report should attribute a large part of the happy results which have been accomplished in this good work to the influence and efforts of woman, who holds the balance of power over the destiny of men, so far as human agency and influence are concerned.

Finally, let us be impressed that in thus seeking to reclaim and rescue men from this foul evil, we are making a corresponding effort to rescue them from eternal perdition, for it is the declaration of inspiration that "no drunkard shall inherit eternal life."

Respectfully submitted,

I. U. WILKES, Chairman.

THURSDAY October 15, 1885.

Association met Thursday, Oct. 15. Moderator read 25th Psalm. Prayer by J. G. Harris, editor of Alabama Baptist.

On motion, Brother J. G. Harris, of the Alabama Baptist was recognized as editor and proprietor of said paper.

The following resolution was offered by L. W. O'Hara, and adopted.

Resolved, That Brother J. G. Harris, be invited to a seat at the Secretary's table, at his pleasure, in order that he may obtain such information and facts in reference to this body as he may desire.

Brother T. C. Boykin was recognized as the State Sunday School Evangelist, from the State of Georgia.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Education.

The above report was discussed by S. Henderson, W. C. Cleveland, J. G. Harris, W. P. McKellar, S. J. Thompson and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We heartily endorse the efforts now being made by the denomination for the education of the young men preparing for the ministry. We will do all that we can for the promotion of this work and hereby adopt Brother W. H. Connell as the beneficiary of this Association

W. C. CLEVELAND, Chairman.

The subject of Ministerial Education was discussed, at length, by W. C. Cleveland, during which time a collection was taken to supplement a deficit in last year's Ministerial Educational Fund caused by the nonpayment of pledges; and also pledges were taken for the same object for the year 1885-6, (for am'ts see report on finance) after which the report was adopted.

Prayer by W. H Connell. Adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by J M McCord. Order of business suspended.

W. P. McKellar offered the following resolutions which were adopted:

Resolved : That the treasurer of the Association be instructed to disburse the funds on hand as follows :

1st. The amount sent up for Ministerial Education, to W. H. Connell, beneficiary of this Association.

2d. The amounts sent up for State Home and Foreign Missions -to T. M. Bailey, Corresponding Secretary of the State Mission Board; to be by him forwarded to the Boards of these respective missions.

3d. That out of the amount sent up for Minutes and Associational purposes, with the amount received from former Treasurer--pay Clerk \$15.00 for his services and the remainder of said amount to be paid over to the Clerk, to pay for printing and distributing 500 copies of the minutes.

C. W. O'Hara offered the following which was adopted:

Resolved: That the Treasurer be instructed to report, the amount by him paid to Brother W. H. Connell—with the amount paid to him during the past year, to T. L. Hudgens Treasurer of the State Board of Education in order that said board may be credited, with said amount as paid by Shelby Association.

A collection was taken to provide books for young ministers in our bounds, viz: M. E. B. Jones, J. C. Lyon, J. F Parker, W. H. Connell and Isaac N. Walker; (for amount see report on finance.)

A REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The Committee on Missions would respectfully report :

That the subject assigned us is so large, embraces so much, that we are at a loss where to begin. It includes Foreign Missions, Home Missions and State Missions; and each of these grand divisions have their sub-divisions. Your committee believe that they can do no better than call special attention to the action of the State Convention and the circular of Dr. Bailey.

Our missions are everywhere calling for more men. "The harvest is white, but the laborers are few." To supply this demand more money must be furnished.

We recommend compliance with the suggestions of the State Mission Board as to amounts necessary to carry on the work, viz: 20 cents a member for the next conventional year.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. McKELLAR, Chairman:

The report was discussed by Dr. S. Henderson J. M. McCord, T. C. Boykin, W. P. McKellar and adopted.

REPORT ON AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

Your committee on this subject would urge with emphasis the claims of this class of our brethren upon the sympathies and liberalities of our churches and people.

It is painfully mortifying to your committee that up to this present session the association has done nothing in this department of Christian beneficence. We respectfully suggest that the churches consider this matter and report at the next session of this association.

J. L. PETERS, Chairman.

After discussion by I. U. Wilkes, W. P. McKellar, J. G. Harris and S. Henderson the report was adopted.

Brother J. G. Harris was invited to address the Association in the interest of our State Paper which he did to the gratification of the brethren, and a club of ten subscribers was made and a number of brethren promised to go home and make clubs in their churches.

After prayer, adjourned until 9 o'clock A. M. Friday.

FRIDAY, October 16, 1885.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by M. E. B. Jones. Minutes of Thursday read and approved.

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS,

Your Committee on Letters and Document report that nothing of unusual interest appears in the letters from the churches.

Dogwood Grove Church has licensed brethren N. J. Jarvis and —, Wood to exercise their gifts in exhortation.

One hundred and eighty-four baptisms were reported. A goodly number of the churches have prosperous Sunday schools.

Columbiana and Liberty Churches ask for the next session of the association to be held with them.

We recommend that it be held with the Columbiana Church.

We recommend that the letter from Bethlehem Church be re-read and that the association make such disposition thereof as it may deem proper.

We recommend that the membership of our churches patronize, by subscribing for and reading the "Alabama Baptist," our denominational organ for the Baptist of our State.

"Kind Words," published at Macon, Ga., commends itself to Baptist, as a sound, safe Baptist Sunday school literature.

We recommend that the next session of this association commence on Wednesday after the first Sabbath in September, 1886.

Respectfully submitted,

T. B. DISON, Chairman.

This report was taken up by items and discussed by W. P. McKellar, Geo. T. Lee, T. C. Boykin, J. G. Harris, T. M. Fancher, J. L. Peters, Howard Griggs, W. W. Shortridge, M. E. B. Jones, N. T. Lucas, C. W. O'Hara and M. J. Pratt. Several amendments were made to the different items and they adopted and then the report adopted as a whole.

That item of the above report, in reference to Bethlehem Church, was disposed of by granting said church a letter of dismission.

Discussions were had by T. C. Boykin, J G Harris and Thos. M. Fancher.

Adjourned until 2 o'clock.

Benediction by Moderator.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by R. Davis. Sabbath School report adopted.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to make the following Report:

DR.

For Minutes..... \$ 25 60

For Associational purposes	13 60
For Home Missions.....	3 00
For State Missions.....	12 15
For Foreign Missions.....	12 90
For Ministerial Education.....	26 30
For Aged Ministers.....	1 00
For Books.....	24 05
For Missionary purposes.....	10 90

Total \$129 50

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By receipts of Treasurer..... \$129 50
Adopted.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

H. C. Reynolds, in Account with Shelby Baptist Association.

DEBITS.

Oct. 14. To cash from former Treasurer, H. C. Moss.....	\$12 60
Oct. 15, To cash from Association.....	83 25
Oct. 15, To cash from Association.....	8 80
Oct. 15, To cash from Association	18 75
Oct. 16, To cash from Association.....	12 35
Oct. 16, To cash from Association.....	5 25
Oct. 16, To cash from Association.....	1 05

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CREDITS.

Oct. 16, By cash, O'Hara for books young ministers.....	\$24 05
By cash, O'Hara services	15 00
By cash, O'Hara minutes.....	36 76
By cash, O'Hara, Connell.....	26 30
By cash, Bailey Home Missions.....	6 63
By cash, Bailey State Missions.....	15 78
By cash, Bailey Foreign Missions.....	16 53
By cash, Bailey aged ministers.....	1 00

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Adopted.

Appointed delegates to the State Convention - Geo. T. Lee, C. W. O'Hara, J. L. Peters, Thos. M. Fancher, W. P. McKellar, Howard Griggs, T. B. Dison, Isaac N. Walker, W. H. Connell, W. W. Shortridge, J. W. Goff, E. Finley and I. U. Wilkes.

Appointed Standing Committees to report at our next session:

On Family Religion-M. E. B. Jones, N. H. Connell and N. Thomas.

On Education-Howard Griggs, I. U. Wilkes and T. B. Dison.

On Ministerial Education--J. M. McCord, W. V. Arnold and Thos. M. Fancher.

On Missions--C. W. O'Hara, W. H. Connell and S. W. Jones.

On Aged and Infirm Ministers—W. P. McKellar, W. C. Denson and J. C. McElroy.

On Temperance—J. L. Peters, W. W. Brame and J. F. Parker.

The following resolutions were adopted.

Resolved, That the churches be requested to appoint, as messengers to the Association, brethren who have been appointed Chairmen on Standing Committees.

Resolved, That Bro. C. W. O'Hara, be appointed to preach the next Introductory Sermon, J. M. McCord, alternate—Brother Geo. T. Lee to preach the Missionary Sermon, I. U. Wilkes, alternate.

Resolved, That the money collected last night be equally divided between Foreign, Home and State Missions.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are eminently due, and hereby tendered to the good citizens of Montevallo, for the kindness and hospitality which this body has received at their hands.

Sang a hymn, gave the parting hand. Prayer by the Clerk.

Adjourned *sine die*.

GEO. T. LEE, Moderator.

C. W. O'HARA, Clerk.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

The services were conducted in the order prescribed by the Committee on Devotion, Brother W. C. Cleveland preached Wednesday night from Rom. 12:10. Brother S. Henderson, Thursday at 11 o'clock, (failed to get text), and Brother T. C. Boykin, from the Saviour's great commission as recorded by Matthew and Luke, Thursday night. We are glad that God sent these servants to see us, with their mesages of Truth and Love.

PLEDGES FOR MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FOR THE YEAR

1885-86.

Helena Church	\$ 5 00
W. C. Burke.....	2 00
Mt. Calvary Church.....	5 00
Six Mile Church.....	5 00
Cahaba Valley Church.....	2 50
Montevallo Church.....	25 00
Mar's Hill Church.....	2 00
Macdonia Church.....	2 05
Bethseda Church.....	5 00
Hopewell Church.....	2 50
Rocky Ridge Church	2 00
J. W. Dodson.....	1 50
J. M. McCord.....	5 00
Total.....	\$65 00

STATISTICAL TABLE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

AMOUNT SENT UP.		A M T F O R W' D U R I N G P A S T Y E A R	
		AGE D MINISTERS.	
		EDUCATION	
CHURCHES.			
Calera	\$ 1 50	\$ 55	\$ 1 50
Center Hill	2 25	35	2 25
Dogwood Grove	1 80	1 50	1 25
Enon	1 25	1 25	1 25
Montevallo	1 50	50	1 00
Mar's Hill	50	50	1 00
Macedonia	1 00	1 00	1 25
New Antioch	2 00	1 00	2 00
Six Mile	2 00	1 75	2 40
Helena	1 50	1 50	1 25
Bethesda	2 00	1 00	2 40
Bethlehem	1 25	1 25	1 10
Columbian	1 00	1 50	50
Hopewell	1 50	50	2 50
Liberty	2 00	1 00	50
Mt. Calvary	1 00	1 00	1 10
Rocky Ridge	1 50	1 50	50
Summer Hill	1 00	1 00	2 50
Cahaba Valley	1 00	50	8 80
Mt. Carmel	1 00	8 80
Cash	8 80
Total	\$25 60	\$13 60	\$3 00 \$12 15 \$12 90 \$23 80 \$9 24 \$9 24 \$9 24 \$66 50 \$1 00

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

GEO. T. LEE.....	Helena, Ala.
J. M. McCORD.....	Six Mile, "
I. U. WILKES.....	Montevallo, "
T. B. DISON.....	Montevallo, "
ISAAC N. WALKER,	Montevallo, "
J. D. MILLS.....	Montevallo, "
R. B. HALL.....	Brock's Gap, "
M. E. B. JONES.....	Columbiana, "
T. P. HOLCOMBE	Columbiana, "
J. D. MARTIN.....	Columbiana, "
J. W. WOOD	Columbiana, "
C. W. O'HARA.....	Wilsonville, "
W. W. ARMSTRONG.....	Wilsonville, "
J. C. LYON.....	Wilsonville, "
J. F. PARKER.....	Wilsonville, "

LICENSED MINISTERS.

W. H. CONNELL.....	Harpersville, Ala.
S. CARLETON,.. .	Montevallo, "
N. J. JARVIS.....	Montevallo, "
F. M. WOOD.....	Montevallo, "

 After holding back the Minutes for several days, the report on Sabbath Schools was not received from the Chairman of the Committee. It should have been inserted on page 6, above tenth line from bottom of page. The Sabbath School question was the one discussed by Bros. Boykin, Harris and Fancher.

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